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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, IZ, IR

SUBJECT: KURDISH PROBLEM AND IRAN

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1. THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE AS STATED REFTEL THAT IRAQIS MAY SEE IT IN THEIR INTEREST TO SEEK SOME FORM OF DETENTE WITH IRAN AS A NECESSARY COROLLARY TO ATTEMPTING TO BRING ABOUT A SETTLEMENT WITH THE KURDS AND TO CONCENTRATE SPECIFICALLY ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE PETROLEUM SECTOR AND ECONOMIC/SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN GENERAL.

2. USG WOULD DO NOTHING TO DISCOURAGE SUCH DETENTE AND WOULD NOT RPT NOT INTERVENE IN SUCH REGIONAL ISSUE. ACCORDINGLY, RUMORS MENTIONED IN REFTEL THAT "SHAH FAVORS DETENTE WITH IRAQ BUT WESTERN POWERS HAVE DISSUADED HIM PRESUMABLY TO CONTAIN REVOLUTIONARY VIEWS FROM SPREADING" ARE BASELESS. IN FACT, THERE HAS BEEN NO USG APPROACH TO SHAH ON THIS POINT.

3. WE THINK IT DESIRABLE, THEREFORE, TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT THAT WE REGARD IRAN, AS WE DO IRAQ, AS A SOVEREIGN, INDEPENDENT COUNTRY, FULLY CAPABLE OF MAKING ITS OWN DECISIONS AS TO WHERE ITS BEST INTERESTS LIE AND ACTING ON ITS CONCLUSIONS. AS A MATTER OF GENERAL POLICY WE WELCOME ANY STEP ANYWHERE WHICH REDUCES INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS AND PERMITS GOVERNMENTS TO DEVOTE THEIR FULL ATTENTION TO IMPROVING THE WELFARE AND WELL BEING OF THEIR PEOPLE. WE HAVE NOT, HOWEVER, ANY VESTED INTERESTS IN THE MODE OR DETAIL OF A RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ, A MATTER WHICH WE CONSIDER TO BE STRICTLY BETWEEN THE TWO STATES DIRECTLY CONCERNED. AS OCCASIONS ARISE IN OUR DEALING WITH IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION IN WASHINGTON AND IN USINT BAGHDAD'S CONTACTS WITH IRAQI OFFICIALS, WE SHOULD INFORM IRAQIS OF ABOVE STATED US POSITION. WE WOULD PREFER TO DO THIS DIRECTLY WITH OUR LIMITED IRAQI CONTACTS, RATHER THAN GOING THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO REITERATING OUR POSITION TO FOREIGN DIPLOMATS, SUCH AS TURKS AND ALGERIANS AS MENTIONED IN REFTEL, BUT NOT RPT NOT AS OUR CHOSEN CHANNELS TO IRAQI GOVERNMENT.

4. FOR TEHRAN: AS APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS ARISE, EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF U.S. POSITION AS OUT-CONFIDENTIAL

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